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PIEZOELECTRIC ACT INSULATING MEMBER SEPARATE FROM

PIEZOELECTRIC DEVICE

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 9-11 as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims showing the revisions thereto is attached.

1. (Amended) A piezoelectric actuator using a laminated piezoelectric device having alternately layered piezoelectric layers and electrode layers comprising:

a metal case provided on the outside of the side surface of the piezoelectric device; and